

Ephraim Bales Place
Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Gatlinburg, Tennessee
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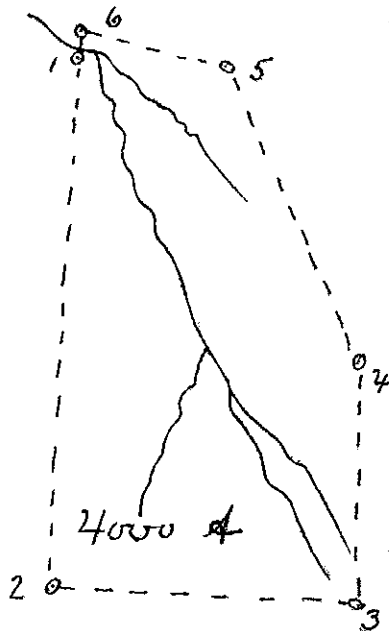
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EPHRAIM BALES PLACE
ROARING FORK TRAIL
GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK
NEAR GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE

On October fourteenth 1876 Daniel W. Reagan made an entry of four thousand acres of land on the Roaring Fork near Gatlinburg. He sold a portion of this entry to Alfred Reagan who erected most of the existing buildings about 1880. Alfred Reagan sold the property to Marcus R., and Mary McFalls. On the fifth day of August 1887 Marcus R. McFalls sold this property estimated at fifteen acres more or less to Ephraim, and Manering Bales. Ephraim Bales occupied this property until he sold it to the Tennessee Great Smoky Mountains Park Commission in 1930.

COPY OF ORIGINAL ENTRY BY D.W. REAGAN.



State of Tennessee) By virtue of
Sevier County) Entry of an
Entry made the Entry takers office
of Said county being No. 2462 by
D.W. Reagan on the 14th day of
October 1867 I have surveyed for
Said D.W. Reagan four Thousands
acres of land on the Roaring fork
of the West Prong of little
Pigeon River Beginning on a Spruce
Pine & Poplar in a small Island
and on or near the East line of
Isaic T. Ogle Then with or near
Same in part S 1120 Poles to a
Stake E. 640 Poles to a Stake N. 520
Poles to a Stake on the round top
mountain Then crossing the west end
of Said mountain N. 28 W. 675 Poles to
a Stake and Chestnut Sprouts in a gap
between Little Dudley and the Indian
Camp Creek N. 80 W. 340 Poles to a
Spanish oak S. 60 Poles crossing
Said Indian Camp Branch at 3 Poles
to the Beginning. Surveyed 25th day
of February 1871.

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Brownlow Reagan)

J.A. Trotter Special
Dept. Surveyor.

Above information was obtained from Deed Books in Sevier County Court House, Sevierville, Tennessee, and from Aaron Reagan brother-in-law of Ephraim Bales, who lives on Indian Camp Branch about three miles from Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

The grouping of two cabins occur frequently. They are usually grouped in one of two ways- with the chimney separating the two buildings or with an entry between the two bulkings as the Ephraim Bales House. The entry is called a "dog trot" by the natives. The second cabin is usually the result of over crowding in the original cabin. Some times the second cabin is a new structure but more

frequently it is an old building moved from some other location. The latter is what occurred at the Ephraim Bales Place.

Originally the roof of the kitchen was framed in the opposite direction to what it is at present. Proof of this is found in notches cut in the plates to receive rafters and in the fireplace opening cut in the east wall of the kitchen. The fireplace and chimney are always located at the gable end of the structure. I have found no exception to this in the log structures of this region.

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Addendum to;
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Roaring Fork Trail
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